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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXPEDITION ACTION -- MAP EQUIPMENT

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1. SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE TIPO REGIMENT CONCEPT IN 1971 AS THE CENTERPIECE OF OUR MAP PROGRAM HERE, DELIVERIES OF EQUIPMENT HAVE NOT KEPT PACE WITH REQUIRED DELIVERY DATES, AND HAVE LAGGED BEHIND BELIVIAN ARMY UNIT TRAINING AND READINESS BY SEVERAL MONTHS. A JOINT BOLIVIAN/USMILGRP STUDY, COMPLETED IN JULY 1972, SUGGESTED EXPEDITED DELIVERY OF ONLY ESSENTIAL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT FOR TRAINING FOR THE FIRST TWO TIPO REGIMENTS. THESE ITEMS WERE REQUESTED, PROGRAMMED AND FUNDED FOR DELIVERY IN COUNTRY BY NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1972. MOST OF THIS MATERIAL HAS NOT YET ARRIVED. THE BOLIVIAN ARMED FORCES HAVE CONTINUOUSLY MADE A SHORP POINT OF THE URGENT NECESSITY FOR OUTFITTING THE FIRST TWO TIPOS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. THE PRESENT FORECAST FOR THE DESIRED TIPO EQUIPMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

ITEM	QTY	EXPECTED DELIVERY DATE
M113A1	14	2 EA--2ND QTR 74, 12EA 3RD QTR 74
81MM MORTAR	36	1ST QTR 74
4.2" MORTAR	11	2ND QTR 74

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AN/GRC 160 RADIO 8 UNFORECASTED

AN/VRC-18, 24VOLTS 4 3RD QTR 74
AN/PRC 77 RADIO 122 UNFORECASTED
AN/VRC-12RADIO 4 2ND QTR 75

THESE DELIVERY DATES, AS NOTED BY THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT, ARE
NOT MEETING THE JOINTLY AGREED UPON BOLIVIAN TIPO REGIMENT
ACTIVATION DATES.

3. AN ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT, APPROVED BY THE COUNTRY TEAM, IS
THE ACTIVATION AND EQUIPPING OF THE 1ST THRU 4TH TIPO REGIMENTS WITH
EQUIPMENT ON HAND AND WITH DELIVERY OF THE OTHER TIEMS ON AN
EXPEDITED BASIS. IN VIEW OF THE FORECASTED DELIVERY DATES FOR
THE 81MM AND 4.2"" MORTARS, AND 2 OF THE 14 APC'S (M113A1)
EXPEDITED ACTION IS NOT NECESSARY. HOWEVER, IT IS REQUESTED THAT
THE REMAINING EQUIPMENT, IAS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE, BE
EXPEDITED SO AS TO ARRIVE IN COUNTRY NO LATER THAN JUNE 1974.
THIS WOULD ALLOW 4 TIPO REGIMENTS TO BE EQUIPPED AS FOLLOWS:

TIPO'S 1 & 2	TIPO'S 3 & 4
8 EA M--3 W/OVM	7 EA M113A1 W/OVM
3 EA 4.2" MORTAR	3EA 4.2" MORTAR
9EA 81 MM MORTAR	9 EA 81 MM MORTAR
2 EA AN/GRC 160 RADIO	2 EA AN/GRC 160 RADIO
30 EA AN/PRC - 77 RADIO	30 EA AN/PRC 77 RADIO
1 EA AN/PRC 12 RADIO	1 EA AN/PRC 12 RADIO

4. I URGE THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD INITIATE ACTION TO EXPEDITE
DELIVERY OF THESE ITEMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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